

**Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., April 27, 1834,
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TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, April 27, 1834.

My son, I have been awaiting with some anxiety to hear whether the check on the union Bank at Nashville and the note on judge overton, had reached you, and what amount of the first payment for the land will remain due to Mr. Hill after the proceeds of our cotton, that remains after meeting the expence of the house and farm, are applied to it.

From your last account of the weight of the Bales, I calculate, that the whole will not average more than 375 lbs. each, which would be about 38,000 lbs. which may neat from forty to forty five hundred dollars, which must leave between fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars, that will have to be provided for. I do not know when congress will rise, but before I leave here, and before any interest accrues on the purchase money, I wish to be informed of the ballance that may remain, as I must provide for it here, therefore it is, that I wish to be advised of the deficiency as early as possible.

You are entering into life, unacquainted with the world, and the duplicity of mankind. you will have to be guarded in your contracts, attentive to your own business, and be always hereafter acquainted with the amount of your cotton made and shipped, and your means, before you make purchases. When you calculate the amount of rope and baleing used by you this year for about 38,000 lb. of cotton you will find, that when I was at home, I sent to markett fifty thousand pounds of cotton at the same expence that you have thirty eight.

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This my son is bad oeconomy, and by your own attention hereafter you ought to correct it.
I have not heard from Col. White since his letter I sent to you. . . .